

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge comprising:

a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably accommodated in said tape cartridge; and

a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium, wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and

chamfered portions are provided at edge portions of the opening of said clamp member, said chamfered portions having a slope orthogonal to a plane passing between a center axis of the cylindrical body and a center line of the opening.

2. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein each of said chamfered portions is formed over to an end surface of said cylindrical body that faces said collar portion, to a side surface extending in the longitudinal direction of said opening and to an outer peripheral surface of said cylindrical body.

3. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said chamfered portions are provided at both of shoulders facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

4. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a length of said chamfered portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 0.1 through 2 mm.

5. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a chamfering angle made by a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.

6. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein said chamfered portions are provided at both of shoulders facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

7. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein a length of said chamfered portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 0.1 through 2 mm.

8. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein a chamfering angle made by a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.